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FUND MEETING NOVEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 2

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1. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR MET WITH NICOLAE DUMITRESCU, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN THE GOR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, ON AUGUST 26 TO DISCUSS PRESENT STATUS OF PLANNING FOR THE UNCTAD COMMON FUND MEETING IN NOVEMBER. DUMITRESCU HAD PARTICIPATED IN UNCTAD IV IN NAIROBI AND CONSEQUENTLY HAS A QUITE THOROUGH BACKGROUND ON THE GENERAL QUESTION OF COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS AND THE COMMON FUND. AFTER EXPLAINING TO DUMITRESCU THE USG POSITION AS OUTLINED IN THE TALKING POINTS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF REFTEL, DUMITRESCU VOLUNTEERED THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF VIEW AND INFORMATION:

A. THE GOR IS VERY PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY THE USG AT THIS EARLY STAGE OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER CONFERENCE.

B. THE SUBJECT MATTER AT THE CONFERENCE ITSELF IS OF
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GREAT INTEREST TO THE GOR AND, THEREFORE, THE GOR WISHES THAT CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE.

C. DUMITRESCU CONFIRMED THAT THE GOR IS PARTICIPATING IN THE GROUP OF 33 IN GENEVA. HE WAS NOT ABLE, HOWEVER, TO GIVE US ANY INDICATION OF THE PROGRESS BEING MADE WITHIN THAT GROUP.

D. THE GOR DELEGATION WILL MOST LIKELY BE HEADED BY THE GOR'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA, AMBASSADOR CONSTANTIN ENE. THIS SEEMS TO BE CUSTOMARY PROCEDURE FOR THE GOR WHEN CONFERENCES ON UNCTAD QUESTIONS ARE HELD IN GENEVA. IN ADDITION, THE DELEGATION WILL BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. THESE MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVES WILL, OF COURSE, BE FROM BUCHAREST. THE SPECIFIC COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED. CLEARLY, DUMITRESCU WANTS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION.

E. THE GOR HAS NOT YET BEGUN TO DRAFT ITS POSITION FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING. THE EMBASSY WOULD JUDGE, ON THE BASIS OF PAST PERFORMANCE, THAT THE GOR POSITIONS WOULD NOT BE FIRMLY FIXED UNTIL THE EVE OF THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THIS WILL BE THAT THE GOR DECISION-MAKING APPARATUS IS CENTRALIZED AT SUCH A HIGH LEVEL. THE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DELEGATION ARE LIKELY TO BE QUITE SPECIFIC.

2. DUMITRESCU SAID THAT HIS CHIEF FUNCTION AT NAIROBI IV HAD BEEN AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES OF THE GOR WITHIN THE GROUP OF 77 AND IN THE GOR'S EASTERN CAUCUS ACTIVITIES. HE ALLOWED THAT THE GOR FOUND ITSELF AT ODDS FREQUENTLY BOTH WITHIN THE G77 AND WITHIN THE EASTERN BLOC. OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOR'S POSITION ON COMMODITIES, AND PARTICULARLY MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HANDLING THE COMMODITY ISSUE, WOULD TEND TO CONFIRM THAT THE GOR MUST INDEED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO RATIONALIZE ITS PARTICIPATION IN BOTH GROUPS AT THE SAME TIME. PRESUMABLY, THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A CHALLENGING PROBLEM FOR THE GOR AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

3. THE EMBASSY WOULD STRONGLY URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE IDEA OF SENDING AN EXPERT TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF CAPITALS TO DISCUSS THE COMMON FUND. WE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SUCH AN EXPERT CONSULTING WITH THE GOR. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE GOR POSITION IS LIKELY TO BE FIRMED UP ONLY AT A LATE DATE, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE THAT THE EXPERT COME TO BUCHAREST IN LATE OCTOBER. HOWEVER, AN EARLIER DATE WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE, WE BELIEVE. IT IS IN THE NATURE OF OUR RELATIONS HERE THAT ACCESS TO DECISION MAKERS IS SIGNIFICANTLY EXPEDITED AND MADE MORE FRUITFUL IN THE CONTEXT OF CALLS PEGGED TO DELEGATIONS OR EXPERTS ARRIVING FROM WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION TO ENHANCING THE LIKELIHOOD OF OUR FLUSHING OUT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE GOR POSITION ON THE COMMODITY FUND IN THE CONTEXT OF AN EXPERT VISIT, IT IS ALSO HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT WE COULD GET INFORMATION ON BOTH THE G77 ACTIVITIES AND POSITIONS AND SOME INDICATION OF THE

ATTITUDES OF OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

4. FINALLY, EMBASSY WISHES TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE
MOST INFORMATIVE CABLE ON THE COMMON FUND, STATE 179166.
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